

ELIM INGATESTONE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

19th February 2012



"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." Matthew 13:13

Our faith is lived out before a watching world. This Scripture has stayed with me, it's so challenging. Jesus isn't talking about the qualities of salt (which is what most preachers do), but what happens when disciples cease to be salt. He doesn't teach about how to become salt but rather commands us **to be salt!**

Jesus has some strong words to say about the salt that loses its saltiness, i.e. to disciples who cease to influence their world for good. The truth about salt is that it adds value to that which it savours. We are to add value to the world, no one eats a meal of just salt. We are not meant to condemn, stand in judgement but to be salt and light to the world.

Jesus looked at his followers and said, "You are my witnesses". Whether we like it or not we are witnesses. We are witnesses of our faith to the world - we cannot opt out from being a witness. The world looks on! Jesus' one desire is that *"they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (5:16).*

Sometimes Carol and I feel that we have not been the witnesses we could have been in our street. Last year, when we were considering moving, our close neighbours individually told us that we must not move. I guess in that we must have brought some savour to Park Drive?

'Ungrace' is the most damaging quality that the church can exercise - to coldly sit in judgement - the "thank God we're not like that attitude'. That is poison, not salt! *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave". (Eph 4:32)* Kindness is a wonderful virtue; part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22).

It's not hard to be kind, practiced enough you will not even have to work at it, it becomes first nature. Your world awaits!

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TRANSITION

The transition team is meeting after this morning's service things to discuss their prayerful deliberations. We are so thankful that God has given this opportunity so early. Please continue too for Lee and Tracy as they seek the Lord's will.

As pastor, I do not hold sway in this decision making process, quite rightly so. What I do want to say is that I believe that the Lord is going to do an amazing thing here in Ingatestone, beyond anything we can imagine. Our part is to exercise faith and commitment and stand as a people who will contend for the Gospel as one. Part of this commitment is our giving - please re-view your giving in the light of Scripture and the Lord's prompting. If you can gift aid then please see Susan. These will be exciting days which need resources!

Robin & Janet in Kenya

Robin and Janet fly out to Kenya this morning. They will speak at evangelistic and revival meetings in Nairobi from 23rd-25th, a women's conference from 24th-25th together with opportunities to minister in local churches. Pray God will bless and use Robin and Janet at all these events and give them safe travel throughout. They return to home on 5th March.

They will also have opportunities to consider schooling/housing prospects for next year. Please pray also for the family at home. Thank you.

Tear Fund

Next week we will join with churches across the world to present ONE VOICE against global poverty (it will focus on Micah 6:8 - *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*)

The enclosed prayer guide will lead us day by day, 26 February - 4 March.



Little Sparrows Day Nursery

Monday to Friday
8:15 am to 5:45 pm

www.littlesparrows.co.uk

HEALING BUS MINISTRY


Please continue to uphold and support this key ministry. Nick & Marina were once again in the market square on Thursday. They are on the front line - like a Good rugby scrum they need others who are right behind them in order to gain ground.



Tonight we have an opportunity to pray together at 5.30 pm in our building. Please do all you can to support.

See Marina on Youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlnnuQVGpiM&feature=youtube>



**Amnos Church
Planting School**

Intercede

**PRAYING TO CHANGE OUR NATION
AT SAWYERS CHURCH, BRENTWOOD
FRIDAY 16th MARCH 7.30-9.30 pm**

HM PRISON CHELMSFORD

Once again we have a great opportunity this week. On Thursday Ian is leading Bible Study and then discussing the possibility of taking a permanent study, perhaps in another prison. Next Sunday Ian along with Peter and perhaps Olu & Funmi will be leading chapel.



IAN & CAROL'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION 31 March 2012

A meeting will be held at tomorrow 7.45 pm on Monday 20th February in our building to discuss and plan for the above.

Sun:	09.30	Intercession: Caroline
19th	10.00	Elim @ 10: Ian
	17.30	Prayer Meeting for: Healing Bus Ministries
Mon:	19.45	Reception Planning Meeting
Tue:	19.45	Ingatestone 1 HF (see Edmond)
Wed:	19.45	Ingatestone am HF (See Keith)
Sat:	11.30	Prayer (Our building)
Sun:	08.30	HMP Chelmsford
26th	09.30	Intercession: Carol
	10.00	Elim @ 10: Andrew
	17.30	Fellowship Prayer
Mon:	19.45	Newly Formed Church Session

Ian has been asked to speak at Amnos this Tuesday afternoon.

The Amnos Church Planting School is a newly opened facility in Brentwood, based in Trinity Church which offers a one year course to build Christian leaders for the future and "plant" new churches where old ones have died out.

Pastor Bochian (Bucharest) asks for prayer - this winter the weather is extremely harsh. In Romania The temperature has been sub-sub zero for over 20 days with much snow and many towns and villages cut off. The costs for heating are a strain on the church.

On the subject of Romania - please pray for Ciprian taking singing master classes once more in N. Iraq ext month.

Please pray for Symplice, he raised a young man as his son. I first met Blessing he was leading worship in Kinshasa in 2003. A lovely man (26 yrs) full of life. Symplice learned this week that he has died abroad in strange circumstances.

Please pray for Graham who continues to be quite unwell. I visited him this week and his father has spoken to us.

Please pray for Caroline who was first on the scene at a fatal motor cycle accident on Wednesday evening.

Thank you for everyone who prayed for Sarah's and Les' funerals this week. The presence of God was at both. Please continue to remember those who will suffer the loss of loved ones the most, especially Sue,

Praise

- That God our Father's desire is to change us into the likeness of His Son Jesus.
- For God's guidance over transition.
- For Robin & Janet ministering in Kenya, Carol at Elim Chelmsford and Ian (South Green Baptists).

Prayer

- For our nation, righteousness in Government, Godly in policy.
- **For Pastor Yousef Nadarkhani (Iran) and Christians in Nigeria, Sudan and Syria**
- For our elders, deacons, youth and children's workers and home fellowship leaders.
- For us to see a flow of people coming to faith in Christ. In particular to touch our community with Christ's love.
- Every believer to come into personal renewal with a resultant passion for Jesus and the over-flow of the fire of Holy Spirit. For the church to be committed to prevailing prayer and in particular for those who are yet to know Jesus.
- **For the transition of Pastor in 2012**
- Robin & Janet as they leave for E. Africa (19 Feb)
- Pastor John Bochian, Pastor Symplice and Ciprian
- The work of the Healing Bus (Nick & Marina) and Lighthouse Family Trust) and Pilgrims Hall
- For those who mourn, Ken & Julie, Sam, Marcia and Jan. Brian & Heather who have had viral infections.
- For Sarah, Karen, Megs, Margy, Carol, Marina, Andrew Halfacre, Reuben, & Pat Garrett
- For Littler Sparrows, our schools, children & teachers in Ingatestone, Mountnessing and Margaretting and especially for the work of BSCWT.
- For Churches Together, especially St John's, Mmsg David Manson along with the church council and members, also the churches of BADEF.
- For Ebenezer, John Bochian, Symplice, Pastor Frank (Ghana), Stella & William (USA), Tony & Johanna, Alan & Lindy (Botswana), Eugene & Tina (Mozambique), Pete & Zanne (Roubaix) and Pastor Suresh (India), Pastor Sam (Uganda), Pastor Joseph (Toronto), Pastor Sam (California), Pastors Raz & Aslam (Pakistan), Rachel & William (SE Asia), Julian & Julia, Kenly & Caroline (Zambia).
- For Jerusalem, Our Queen and our Government.

We welcome you to Elim today and pray that the Lord blesses you in every way. May you find grace & strength from God's mighty hand. May your head be lifted and your heart filled with God's amazing love. If you need prayer, please speak to someone before you leave.

Ingatestone & District Churches Together

Please remember to pick up your Lent Devotional Booklet, containing 40 daily meditations prepared by the churches in Ingatestone. This is the seventh publication since it first appeared in 2003. It is just one measure of the development of fellowship and cooperation between churches that has grown over the years.

ICDT Lent Meetings start on Tuesday 28th and run for five weeks. The meetings which are themed but stand alone will be held at URC starting with refreshments at 7.45 pm.

JESUS

HIS

HUMANITY

Tuesday 28 February. Led by Rev. Trevor Jamison

HUMILITY

Tuesday 6 March. Led by Rev. Patrick Sherring

JOY

Tuesday 13 March. Led by Pastor Ian Moore

PURPOSE

Tuesday 20 March. Led by Mgr. David Manson

SUFFERING

Tuesday 27 March. Led by Rev. Jes Salt

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Deacons:

Emeritus: John Day

Building: Bryan Smith

Finance: Susan Lee

Secretary: Jean Halfacre

Admin: Brian Holmes

Care: Pat Smith

Facilities: Vacant

Evangelism: Colin Childs

Home Fellowships:

Ingatest'ne 1: Edmond

Mountnessing: John & Mary

Ingatestone am: Keith/Linda